

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method of managing information related to at least one monitored device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

selecting a communication protocol among a plurality of communication protocols used to extract status information from the at least one monitored device;

retrieving, from a first memory, by a protocol object associated with the selected communication protocol, ~~wherein the protocol object includes~~ vendor and model information of the at least one monitored device;

obtaining, ~~[[from]]~~ by the protocol object, a vendor name of a monitored device of the at least one monitored device supported by the selected communication protocol;

obtaining, ~~[[from]]~~ by the protocol object, a model name corresponding to the obtained vendor name;

creating a descriptive string using the obtained vendor name and the obtained model name;

determining if the descriptive string is present in a second memory; and

if the determining step determines that the descriptive string is not present in the second memory, storing the descriptive string in the second memory in association with the protocol object.

Claim 2 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the creating step comprises:

creating the descriptive string using the vendor name, the corresponding model name, and a separator string.

Claim 3 (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

repeating the selecting, retrieving, obtaining the vendor name, obtaining the model name, creating, determining, and storing steps for each protocol of the plurality of communication protocols.

Claim 4 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the storing step comprises:
storing the descriptive string in a vendor-model support map in the second memory, the vendor-model support map having at least one entry, wherein each entry includes the descriptive string and a vendor-model value.

Claim 5 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting step comprises:
selecting the communication protocol among SNMP, HTTP, and FTP.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A system for managing information related to at least one monitored device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

means for selecting a communication protocol among a plurality of communication protocols used to extract status information from the at least one monitored device;

means for retrieving, from a first memory, by a protocol object associated with the selected communication protocol, ~~wherein the protocol object includes~~ vendor and model information of the at least one monitored device;

means for obtaining, ~~[[from]]~~ by the protocol object, a vendor name of a monitored device of the at least one monitored device supported by the selected communication protocol;

means for obtaining, [[from]] by the protocol object, a model name corresponding to the obtained vendor name;

means for creating a descriptive string using the obtained vendor name and the obtained model name;

means for determining if the descriptive string is present in a second memory; and

means for storing the descriptive string in the second memory in association with the protocol object, when the means for determining determines that the descriptive string is not present in the second memory.

Claim 11(Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating comprises:

means for creating the descriptive string using the vendor name, the corresponding model name, and a separator string.

Claim 12 (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the means for storing comprises:

means for storing the descriptive string in a vendor-model support map in the second memory, the vendor-model support map having at least one entry, wherein each entry includes the descriptive string and a vendor-model value.

Claim 13 (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the means for selecting comprises:

means for selecting the communication protocol among SNMP, HTTP, and FTP.

Claims 14-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer usable medium for managing information related to at least one monitored device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

instructions for selecting a communication protocol among a plurality of communication protocols used to extract status information from the at least one monitored device;

instructions for retrieving, from a first memory, by a protocol object associated with the selected communication protocol, ~~wherein the protocol object includes~~ vendor and model information of the at least one monitored device;

instructions for obtaining, ~~[[from]]~~ by the protocol object, a vendor name of a monitored device of the at least one monitored device supported by the selected communication protocol;

instructions for obtaining, ~~[[from]]~~ by the protocol object, a model name corresponding to the obtained vendor name;

instructions for creating a descriptive string using the obtained vendor name and the obtained model name;

instructions for determining if the descriptive string is present in a second memory; and

instructions for storing the descriptive string in the second memory in association with the protocol object, when the instructions for determining determine that the descriptive string is not present in the second memory,

Claim 19 (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the instructions for creating comprise:

instructions for creating the descriptive string using the vendor name, the corresponding model name, and a separator string.

Claim 20 (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, further comprising:
instructions for repeating the instructions for selecting, instructions for retrieving, instructions for obtaining the vendor name, instructions for obtaining the model name, instructions for creating, instructions for determining, and instructions for storing for each protocol of the plurality of communication protocols.

Claim 21 (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the instructions for storing comprise:
instructions for storing the descriptive string in a vendor-model support map in the second memory, the vendor-model support map having at least one entry, wherein each entry includes the descriptive string and a vendor-model value.

Claim 22 (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the instructions for selecting comprise:
instructions for selecting the communication protocol among SNMP, HTTP, and FTP.

Claims 23-26 (Canceled).